

C) IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A fishing rod handle which comprises:
 - a handle member, said handle member having an ~~an~~-external surface surrounding a hollow internal area, the hollow internal area being defined by an internal surface;
 - a fishing rod blank having a cross-sectional dimension that is smaller than that of the hollow internal area of the handle member and having a first portion within the hollow internal area of the handle member and a second portion protruding from the handle; and
 - a plurality of vibration disks, each of the disks being attached to the first portion of the fishing rod blank in direct contact with the internal surface of the hollow internal area of the handle member and at intervals such that a hollow segment is formed between adjacent vibration disks and such that a plurality of hollow segments are formed within the hollow internal area of the handle member, wherein vibrations emanating from the rod blank are transferred through the vibration disks to the handle member via contact with the internal surface of the handle member.
2. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 1 wherein the internal hollow of the handle member comprises a linear aperture defined within the handle member.
3. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 2 wherein the linear aperture has an internal cylindrical wall and the external surface of the handle member is parallel linear with that cylindrical wall.
4. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 1 wherein the handle member hollow has a first open end and a second closed end, and including a nose cone, said nose cone having an axially disposed aperture for receiving a portion of the rod blank therewithin and said nose cone being insertable within the first open end of the handle member hollow.

5. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 1 wherein each vibration disk comprises a flat circular disk member having a central aperture for receiving a portion of the rod blank therewithin.

6. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 5 wherein each vibration disk further includes a plurality of prongs extending outwardly from the flat disk member.

7. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 6 wherein each vibration disk has a first disk face and each of the plurality of outwardly extending prongs is bent toward the first disk face.

8. (Previously Presented) The fishing rod handle of claim 7 wherein the vibration disks that are attached to the rod blank are attached such that the prongs of each disk are bent in the same direction.

9. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 1 wherein the rod blank, the plurality of vibration disks, and the handle member is each constructed of a vibration conductive material.

10. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 9 wherein the rod blank is constructed of a graphite material.

11. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 9 wherein the handle member is constructed of a metal material.

12. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 9 wherein each of the plurality of vibration disks is constructed of a metal material.

13. (Currently Amended) A vibration amplifying fishing rod handle which comprises: a longitudinally extending and generally cylindrical handle member defined by an external surface surrounding a hollow internal area and an end the hollow internal area being defined by an internal surface;

a longitudinally extending fishing rod blank having a diameter that is substantially smaller than that of the hollow internal area of the handle member, a first portion within the hollow area of the handle member and a second end protruding from the handle member; and

a plurality of vibration members, each of the vibration members being attached to the first portion of the fishing rod blank in direct contact with the internal surface of the hollow internal area of the handle member and at intervals such that the rod blank is fixed at the center of the handle member by the vibration members and such that a hollow area is formed between adjacent vibration members wherein vibrations emanating from the rod blank are transferred through the vibration members to and through the handle member via direct contact with the internal surface to the external surface of the handle member.

14. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 13 wherein the handle member hollow has a first open end and a second closed end, and including a nose cone, said nose cone having an axially disposed aperture for receiving a portion of the rod blank therewithin and said nose cone being insertable within the first open end of the handle member hollow.

15. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 13 wherein each vibration member comprises a flat circular disk member having a central aperture for receiving a portion of the rod blank therethrough.

16. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 15 wherein each vibration member further includes a plurality of prongs extending outwardly from the flat disk member.

17. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 16 wherein each vibration member has a first disk face and each of the plurality of outwardly extending prongs is bent toward the first disk face.

18. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 17 wherein the vibration members that are attached to the disk blank are attached such that the prongs of each disk are bent in the same direction.

19. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 13 wherein the rod blank, the plurality of vibration members, and the handle member is each constructed of a vibration conductive material.

20. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 19 wherein the rod blank is constructed of a graphite material.

21. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 19 wherein the handle member is constructed of a metal material.

22. (Original) The fishing rod handle of claim 19 wherein each of the vibration members is constructed of a metal material.